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9 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

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11 SOVEREIGNTY, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE  
12 REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN AND ITS STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP  
13 WITH THE UNITED STATES.  
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24 WHEREAS, the Republic of Azerbaijan is a strategic partner of the  
25 United States in the strategically important South Caucasus region bordering  
26 Iran, Russia, and Central Asia; and  
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28 WHEREAS, the United States and Azerbaijan established diplomatic  
29 relations on February 28, 1992; and  
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31 WHEREAS, the United States supports the independence, sovereignty, and  
32 territorial integrity of Azerbaijan; and  
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34 WHEREAS, over the past twenty years, the United States and Azerbaijan  
35 expanded their partnership and developed a cooperative relationship on issues  
36 dealing with energy security, international anti-terrorism, drug and human



1 trafficking, and the nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction; and

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3 WHEREAS, United States Secretary of State John Kerry stated on June 3,  
4 2013, that Azerbaijan has been an important partner in Afghanistan and with  
5 the International Security Assistance Force, and that Azerbaijan holds great  
6 importance in terms of distribution routes, gas lines, and other issues that  
7 are critical to the United States; and

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9 WHEREAS, over the past decade, Azerbaijan has successfully rebuilt its  
10 economy; gained the distinction of having one of the most rapidly developing  
11 economies globally; tripled its gross domestic product; accounted for 80% of  
12 the gross domestic product of the South Caucasus region; and worked to become  
13 the biggest trade partner of the United States in the South Caucasus region;  
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16 WHEREAS, Azerbaijan initiated a number of strategically important  
17 trans-regional energy and transportation projects such as the Baku-Tbilisi-  
18 Ceyhan oil pipeline, the Baku-Tbilisi-Erzurum gas pipeline, and the Baku-  
19 Tbilisi-Kars railway that contribute to the prosperity of Azerbaijan and  
20 regional allies of the United States such as Turkey and Georgia; and

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22 WHEREAS, conflicts in the South Caucasus region should not be permitted  
23 to threaten the peace and stability of Azerbaijan or impede or prevent the  
24 creation of favorable conditions for economic development and comprehensive  
25 cooperation in the region; and

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27 WHEREAS, the international community, including the North Atlantic  
28 Treaty Organization, the United Nations, the Organization of Islamic  
29 Cooperation, and the Non-Aligned Movement has reaffirmed support for the  
30 sovereignty and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan within its  
31 internationally recognized borders,

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33 NOW THEREFORE,

34 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
35 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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1            THAT the Senate supports the strategic partnership between the United  
2 States and the Republic of Azerbaijan and urges support for the independence,  
3 sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan.

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5            BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, the  
6 Secretary of the Senate transmit a certified copy to the President and Vice  
7 President of the United States, the United States Secretary of State, the  
8 United States Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, the President Pro  
9 Tempore of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House  
10 of Representatives, and the Arkansas Congressional Delegation.

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